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SUBJECT: USRP FUNDING REQUIREMENTS CY 1976

REF: MOTT/STEIN TELECON

1. REGULAR USRP REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL \$350,000 IN ORDER TO MEET ALL PROJECTED OBLIGATIONS. BREAKDOWN OF SHORTFALL AS FOLLOWS:

SALARIES - \$195,000, TRAVEL - \$7,900, ADMIN SUPPORT - \$41,600,

CARE AND MAINTENANCE - \$105,500, TOTAL - \$350,000.

2. EX-USSR PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MISSION'S BUDGET REQUIREMENT COMPUTED AT \$10.7 MILLION AGAINST WHICH DEPARTMENT COULD ONLY ALLOT \$3 MILLION. CONSEQUENTLY, STRINGENT ECONOMY MEASURES HAD TO BE INVOKED AS OF APRIL 1, 1976 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOME VITAL SERVICES TO THIS GROUP OF REFUGEES IN THE FACE OF THE UNPRECEDENTED REDUCTION. THIS INCLUDED A COMPLETE HALT TO THE SUPPORT OF LANGUAGE TRAINING, A REDUCTION IN CARE AND MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES TO BARE SUBSISTENCE LEVEL, REMOVAL OF RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS TO EX-ISRAEL CASES, NO CARE AND MAINTENANCE TO EX-ISRAEL CASES ARRIVING AFTER APRIL 1, AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCES AND MEDICAL AID IN EMERGENCIES ONLY. IN ADDITION, WE ASKED VOLAGS TO REDUCE OVERHEAD COSTS.

3. CURRENT ALLOTMENT WILL BE EXHAUSTED ABOUT JUNE 15, 1976. IF WE WERE TO RESTORE ALL CUTS ON JUNE 15 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WE WOULD NEED AN ADDITIONAL \$6.5 MILLION (WHICH MEANS THAT ECONOMY MEASURES BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND JUNE 15 WILL HAVE RESULTED IN SAVINGS OF \$1.2 MILLION FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET). THE

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REQUIREMENT IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: SALARIES -

\$130,700, ADMIN SUPPORT - \$10,500, TRAVEL - \$5,850, RESETTLEMENT DOCUMENTATION - \$560,500, LANGUAGE TRAINING - \$319,050, CARE AND MAINTENANCE - \$4,135,700, RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT - \$1,337,700.

4. MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EX-ISRAEL CASES NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR MORE THAN THE CURRENT RESETTLEMENT DOCUMENTATION AND TRAVEL LOANS AND THAT SUCH CASES NOT AGAIN BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS. THE FUNDS THUS SAVED, ESTIMATED AT \$500,000 (INCLUDING PARA 3 ABOVE) COULD BE USED TO OFFSET COST INCREASES CAUSED BY RAPIDLY RISING PRICES IN EUROPE. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED EX-ISRAEL PROGRAM WITH VOLAGS. HIAS AND AJDC HAVE NEVER HANDLED SUCH CASES, THE OTHERS APPEAR MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH CURRENT PHASE-OUT OF PROGRAM.

5. MISSION MUST EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT ALL FUNDS FOR EX-USSR PROGRAM WILL BE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.
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